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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

Applicants thank Examiner Baker for the indication of allowed matter in claims 10-16 and allowable matter in claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 18, 23 and 25.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Stumm '528 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 6 has been incorporated into claim 1. The allowable matter of claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating base claim 1. The allowable matter of claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating base claim 1.

The allowable matter of claim 23 has been incorporated into claim 17. The allowable matter of claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating base claim 17. The allowable matter of claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating base claim 17.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 20-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stumm has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 19-22 and 24 depend from claims 17, which are now believed to be allowable. As such, the dependent claims are fully patentable over the cited reference and the rejection should be withdrawn.


Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

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